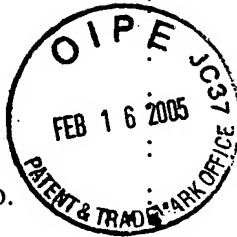


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The arguments presented herein are offered in response to the office action mailed November 03, 2004 (Office Action).

**The Specification** as amended begins on page 2 of this submission.

**The Claims** as currently pending begin on page 3 of this submission.

Amendments to **the Drawings** are reflected in the Replacement Sheets and said corrections are evidenced in the Marked-Up Sheets.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this submission.

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